



**BACHELOR of ARTS in POLITICAL SCIENCE (#686)**

Department of Political Science  
Potter College of Arts & Letters  
Western Kentucky University

The suggested program of study shown below should be used in consultation with your advisor(s). Every student will finish with a unique plan of his/her own depending on the electives selected.

**Success Markers**

**SAMPLE - 4 year plan**

FIRST YEAR	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	<p>Visit <a href="#">The Learning Center</a> for free tutoring</p> <p>Talk to your advisor about career goals and opportunities</p>	ENG 100 – College Writing	3	General Education Course A-II
General Education Course A-III		3	PS 201 – Concepts of Political Science	3
PS 110 – American National Government (C)		3	HIST 119 – Western Civ to 1648 <b>OR</b> HIST 120 – Western Civ Since 1648	3
General Education Course D		3	General Education Course D-I	3
UC 175 – University Experience		2	General Elective Course	1
			General Education Course F	2
<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>		<b>14</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>

SECOND YEAR	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	<p>Join a student organization such as Student Government</p>	ENG 200 – Introduction to Literature	3	General Education Course B-II
General Education Course B-II		3	General Elective	3
General Education Course B-II		3	PS 301 – Research Methods in Political Behavior	3
PS 250 – International Politics <b>OR</b> PS 260 – Introduction to Comparative Politics		3	General Education Course E	3
General Education Course D-IL		4	Minor Course	3
<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>		<b>16</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>

SUMMER TERM	Summer Term	
	<p>Why not Study Abroad?</p>	
<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>		

<b>THIRD YEAR</b>  <i>Visit <a href="#">Career Services</a></i>  <b>Build your resume with an internship!</b> <b>-Washington Center</b> <b>-Kentucky Legislature</b> <b>-Law Firm</b> <b>-Non-Profits</b>	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	ENG 300 – Writing in the Disciplines	3	General Elective	3
	PS 330 – Introduction to Political Theory <b>OR</b> PS 435 – American Political Thought	3	General Elective	3
	PS Course	3	General Elective	3
	PS Course	3	General Elective	3
	Minor Course	3	Minor Course	3
	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>

<b>FOURTH YEAR</b>  <i><a href="#">Apply for Graduation</a></i>  <b>-Consider pursuing a Masters of Public Administration</b>  <i>Celebrate</i>	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	PS Course	3	PS 499 – Senior Seminar in Government	3
	PS Course	3	PS Elective	3
	Minor Course	3	Minor Course	3
	General Elective	3	Minor Course	3
	General Elective	3	Minor Course	3
	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>
	<b>Total Credit Hours:120</b>			

\* Denotes prerequisite courses before program admission

**PLEASE NOTE:** Prerequisites, Course Numbers, and Course Titles are subject to change.  
Consult your advisor each semester.

**For more Information:**

**Department:** Political Science

**Website:** [www.wku.edu/political-science/](http://www.wku.edu/political-science/)

**Phone:** 270-745-4558

Course Descriptions: <http://www.wku.edu/undergraduatecatalog/>